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IN THE CLAIMS:

1 - 12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A user information processing system ~~having a terminal unit employed by a user and a server to which said terminal unit can have access, said system comprising:~~

said a terminal unit for use by a user adapted for accumulating terminal use record information upon use of said terminal unit by said user and the profile information of said user generated on the basis of said terminal use record information, wherein at least one of said terminal use record information and said profile information includes identifying information ~~for~~ about said terminal unit;

said a server accessible by said terminal unit adapted for producing said profile information ~~on the basis of~~ based on said accumulated terminal use record information; and

storing means detachably provided in said terminal unit for storing ~~at least one of said use record information and said profile information so that when the user uses a terminal unit, the terminal unit accesses the user profile information from the storing means to obtain information peculiar to the particular user using the terminal unit.~~

14. (currently amended) A terminal unit comprising:

use record information writing means for writing use record information used by the user;

storing means detachably provided in said terminal unit for storing profile information of said user so that when the user uses a terminal unit, the terminal unit accesses the user profile information from the storing means to obtain information peculiar to the particular user using the terminal unit;

transmitting means for transmitting said use record information accumulated in storing means to profile information generating means remote from the

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terminal unit for every prescribed timing; ~~wherein said storing means is detachably provided in said terminal unit;~~

profile information writing means for receiving the profile information of said user based on said use record information which is transmitted from said profile information generating means and writing said received profile information in said storing means, wherein at least one of said use record information and said profile information includes identifying information for said terminal unit; and

selecting means for selecting provided information corresponding to said profile information written in said storing means from among provided information transmitted from prescribed information providing means.

15 and 16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) The terminal unit according to claim 14, wherein said transmitting means transmits said profile information stored in said storing means as well as said use record information accumulated in said storing means to said profile information generating means; and

said profile information writing means receives the new profile information of said user based on said use record information which is transmitted from said profile information generating means and said stored profile information, and writes said received new profile information in said storing means; and said selecting means selects said provided information on the basis of said new profile information written in said storing means.

18. (currently amended) A terminal unit comprising:

use record information writing means for writing use record information used by a user in prescribed storing means detachably provided in said terminal unit for storing profile information of said user so that when the user uses a terminal unit, the terminal unit accesses the user profile information from the storing means to obtain information peculiar to the particular user using the terminal unit

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profile information writing means for writing profile information of said user in said storing means, wherein said profile information is generated by a profile information generating means remote from the terminal unit on the basis of said use record information accumulated in said storing means, and wherein at least one of said use record information and said profile information includes identifying information for said terminal unit; and

selecting means for selecting provided information corresponding to said profile information written in said storing means from among provided information transmitted from prescribed information providing means.

19. (canceled)

20. (previously presented) The terminal unit according to claim 18, wherein

said profile information generating means generates the new profile information of said user on the basis of said profile information stored in said storing means as well as said use record information accumulated in said storing means;

said profile information writing means writes said generated new profile information in said storing means; and

said selecting means selects said provided information on the basis of said new profile information written in said storing means.

21. (currently amended) An apparatus for providing information to a terminal unit remote from the apparatus, said apparatus comprising:

profile information generating means for generating the profile information of a prescribed user based on the ~~basis of the~~ use record information of said terminal unit of said user transmitted from said terminal unit, wherein at least one of said use record information and said profile information includes identifying information for the terminal unit;

transmitting means for transmitting said generated profile information to the terminal unit; and

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storing means detachably provided in the terminal unit for accumulating said use record information and said profile information so that when the user uses a terminal unit, the terminal unit accesses the user profile information from the storing means to obtain information peculiar to the particular user using the terminal unit.

22. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing information according to claim 21, wherein

said profile information generating means generates the new profile information of said user based on the basis of said use record information and the past profile information of said user transmitted from said terminal unit; and

said transmitting means transmits said new profile information ~~thus generated~~ to said terminal unit.

23. (currently amended) An apparatus for providing information to a terminal unit remote from the apparatus, said apparatus comprising:

profile information generating means for generating the profile information of a prescribed user based on the basis of the use record information of said terminal unit of said user transmitted from said terminal unit, wherein at least one of said use record information and said profile information includes identifying information for said terminal unit; and

storing means for storing said profile information thus generated, wherein said storing means is a storage medium detachably provided in said terminal unit so that when the user uses a terminal unit, the terminal unit accesses the user profile information from the storing means to obtain information peculiar to the particular user using the terminal unit.

24. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing information according to claim 23 comprising:

said profile information generating means generates new profile information of said user based on the basis of said use record information and the past profile information of said user stored in said storing means; and

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said storing means stores said new profile information thus generated.

25. (currently amended) The apparatus for providing information according to claim 23 further comprising:

selecting means for selecting information supplied to said user based on ~~the basis of~~ the profile information stored in said storing means.

26. (currently amended) The user information processing system according to claim 13, wherein said server generates new profile information based on ~~the basis of~~ said profile information of said user and said accumulated terminal use record information.

27. (currently amended) A user information processing system comprising:

a terminal unit adapted to accumulate terminal use record information upon use of the terminal unit by a user;

a storage medium detachably provided in said terminal unit so that when the user uses a terminal unit, the terminal unit accesses the user profile information from the storing means to obtain information peculiar to the particular user using the terminal unit; and

a server adapted to generate profile information of the user based on the ~~basis of~~ the terminal use record information accumulated by the terminal unit, wherein said terminal unit is adapted to accumulate the profile information generated by said server, and wherein at least one of said use record information and said profile information includes identifying information for said terminal unit.